

PRELIMINARY REPORT

2015: B1 – *Westmoor Drive*

APPLICANT: LJA Engineering, Inc

KEY MAP: 526, 566

JURISDICTION: City of Houston ETJ

LAMBERT: 4652, 4653

DISTRICT/PRECINCT: City Council: N/A
Fort Bend County Pct.: 3, 4

PROPOSAL:

LJA Engineering, Inc., is requesting the reclassification of Westmoor Drive, between Madden Road and West Airport Boulevard, from a 100' right-of-way Major Thoroughfare (T-4-100) to a 70' to 100' right-of-way Major Collector (MJ-4-70/100), on the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP).

APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:

LJA Engineering, on behalf of Aliana Development, requests a reclassification of Westmoor Drive from Madden Road to West Airport in Fort Bend County. Westmoor Drive is a north-south Major Thoroughfare that starts at FM 1093 and ends south at West Airport Boulevard in the Aliana Master Planned Community. It is important to note that Fort Bend County's Major Thoroughfare Plan classifies the section of Westmoor Drive from Madden Road to West Bellfort Road just north of Aliana Development as a Major Collector with a 70' right-of-way (ROW) requirement. Furthermore, the Planning Commission recently granted variances for 70' ROW and less than 2000' radii in Aliana Section 44 in conformance with Fort Bend County's Plan.

The proposed Major Thoroughfare network within the study area was first established on the 1969 MTFP. At this time, Westmoor Drive was identified as "to be acquired" and extended from FM 1093 to south of US 90. In 1976, the Major Thoroughfare was changed to extend from FM 1093 to the edge of the City of Houston's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, south of today's Major Thoroughfare, West Airport Boulevard. Westmoor Drive between Bellaire Boulevard and Madden Road was downgraded to a Major Collector in 2003. At this time, West Airport Boulevard did not extend west of FM 1464. In 2006, West Airport Boulevard was extended west to the Grand Parkway. Westmoor Drive was amended to stop at West Airport Boulevard. In 2012, Westmoor Drive was amended to show the alignment as it currently exists, and the Major Thoroughfare appears as "to be acquired" from Madden Road to West Airport Boulevard. The entirety of Westmoor Drive was recently downgraded to a Collector street on the Fort Bend County Major Thoroughfare Plan, which was approved by Commissioner's Court on February 10, 2015.

The applicant contends that the Major Collector designation would allow Westmoor Drive greater flexibility in providing interior access to the Aliana Master Planned Community. This amendment to the MTFP would complete the process of maintaining consistency between the City of Houston and Fort Bend County Thoroughfare Plans.